

# Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

February 2017

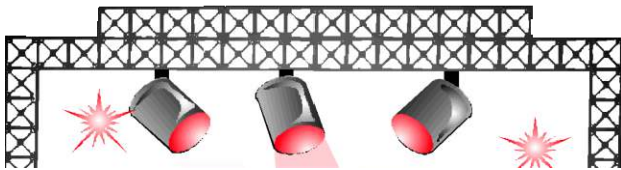
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE March Tidings is **Monday, February 20.**

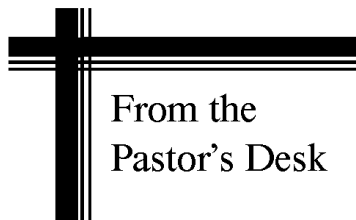


## SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

### “FOOD FOR THE POOR”

Please join us on . . .

**Saturday, Feb. 4 or Sunday, Feb. 5** to hear The Rev. Dr. John F. Roth, D. Min. speak at both services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Roth will share personal witness about *Food For The Poor's* mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

I had a very interesting conversation with someone recently about how the world got started. It was a very peaceful and respectful conversation. The person told me they didn't believe in creation and believed in evolution. I asked them to tell me about their beliefs about evolution. They stated that things were just right from the beginning and things happened then we evolved. They shared with me that they were not positive on how it happened but that is their belief system.

As the cordial discussion continued the person said they were not opposed to there being a heaven and thought it was a great idea, but it was just a human concept that we came up with to give us hope. This person then shared with me they grew up in the church were confirmed and baptized and knew all about the creation story with Adam and Eve, but they don't believe in a creation story. We ended our dialogue in a very civil manner and I knew neither one of us changed what we believed.

As I reflected about our conversation immediately after they left I started praying for them that the Holy Spirit guide them in their life. Many times the best thing we can do is pray for people in their journey in life. I pray that this person is open enough for God's spirit to have an impact on their life. I know one thing for sure God is the only one who can lead them to the truth. And I am ok with God being in charge!



### Will you help at Zion's annual Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Fundraising Dinner?

**When:** Saturday, February 25

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We need the support and participation of everyone in the congregation to make this a success. We need set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, etc. A sign up sheet will be posted where you can indicate where you would like to help.

**Women of Zion's  
"A Valued Woman Retreat"**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Zion's Fellowship Hall**

*"Come relax and be renewed in Christ's spirit"*

**Morning Bible Study**

**Praise & Worship**

**Icebreaker fellowship**

**A delicious catered buffet lunch**

**Afternoon activities - yoga, hand massage,  
jewelry craft**

**Closing Devotions - "Breath of God"**

**\*Please register in advance on sign up sheet  
posted. \***

**Cost : \$10 per person - Please pay in advance in  
the church office. Make checks payable to  
Women of Zion.**

*All women of Zion and their guests are invited to  
attend this exciting event!*

**JEREMIAH'S LETTER**

If anyone would like to help at Jeremiah's Letter on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, call or text Maggie Powder at 430-3070. We leave Tipp at 10:30 a.m. and arrive home before 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Jeremiah's Letter is a non-profit established to serve those in need, bringing God's people together in service to aid the less fortunate. Project Blessing provides hot meals on Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the urban inner city of Dayton. During this time, Jeremiah's Letter shares clothing, hygiene products, bedding, towels Bibles, and household items, as well as providing or facilitating other spiritual and bodily needs.

*And work for the peace and prosperity  
of the city where I sent you . . . Pray  
to the Lord for it, for its welfare  
will determine your welfare.*

*Jeremiah 29:7*

**Youth Gathering Fundraiser**

**QUARTER AUCTION**

**When:** February 21st, 7:00-9:00 pm, Doors open at 6:00 pm

**Where:** American Legion, 337 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Tipp City

**Charity:** Zion Youth Group Youth Gathering participants

**Admission:** \$2 donation (includes 1 paddle)  
(goes to the charity group)

Additional Paddles are \$1 each donation

Earn 5 FREE tickets for the Chinese Raffle by bringing someone who has never been to their auction.

Note: To increase the chances of winning, you may purchase additional paddles.

Usually the bids for items will be between .25c and .50c.

\*Auction items to be donated by the following Independent Representatives:

Avon~In A Pickle~Initials Inc~Nelly Cuddles~Origami Owl~Pampered Chef~ Premier Designs~Pure Romance~Tastefully Simple~Thirty-One~Scentsy

Please come out and join us to help support our youth and help defray the cost of travel, lodging and conference expenses for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering trip to Houston, TX.

**Doors open at 6:15pm for viewing of the auction items. Please bring a friend or two.**

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If you can't make the auction but would like to help out we are taking donations for items to auction such as local businesses gift cards, gas, Kroger, etc. gift cards any amount between \$5.00 - \$25.00. We also can take individual items to make gift baskets.

Contact Jackie Glawe for questions or with donations.

I hope you can make the Quarter Auction! They are lots of fun!!



**FEBRUARY:**

- 3 David Gabel
- 7 Steve Reeves
- 9 Cathy Miller
- 12 Marlene Thau
- 15 Ina Crenshaw,  
Lucky Vonderheide
- 18 Becky Holderman
- 20 Megan Grube
- 22 Sharon Byrd, James Sebastian,
- 25 Kayly Fetters, Barbra Kruse
- 26 Katie Sonnanstine
- 28 Boots Elliott, Olin Shutt



**Pray for comfort, healing and recovery:**

Marianne Barnhart, Sue Cook, Sue Coon, Boots Elliott, Freda Ferguson, Hazel Furlong, Larry Nichols, Neal Sonnanstine.

**Prayers** for the family of Bill Posey who passed away on Jan. 20. The funeral was held here at Zion on Jan. 26.

**Prayers** for encouragement as Belia Parrish transitions to Randall House #224 from her home.

**Pray for:**

- The family of Buddy Osgood who suffered a massive stroke, and passed away on 1/15/17.
- Lindsey Hunn, Colleen Keppel Flayer’s college roommate and a dear friend, who collapsed at work. No tumor found, was an abscess and came through the surgery. Still in intensive care.
- Jeff Shellhamer who is hospitalized with blood clots in his lungs, heart and knee.
- Ann Whitmer, Kim Jones sister, who has liver disease and is undergoing tests.

- Teresa, Pam Sauls sister, for complete healing.
- Cathy Cline, niece of Wayne and the late Judy Fronczak, who suffers from cancer.

**Pray for:** Glenda Moss, leader of the women’s spiritual retreat, the team leaders and the women who will attend the retreat on March 11.

Home bound residents specially thought of: **Mary Sue Helke, Ramona Watkins, Ruth Miller, John Kruse, Hap Johnson, Bob Kuhls, Patsy Furrow, Ahdele Young, Mary Jean King.**



Zion Lutheran Church would like to thank the individual who made an anonymous gift to the organ fund.

Thanks to Pastor Jeff and the Zion Congregation for prayers and well wishes during our family’s health issues. They gave us comfort and encouragement.

Thanks also to all the helping hands who prepared and delivered the “cheer plates”. They truly give “cheer” on a cold wintery day.

*Bob & Wanda Lenehan*

Thank you for my Cheer Plate. The cookies and candy were so very good. Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas time.

*Sincerely, Patsy Furrow*

To: Women of Zion Lutheran Church

Needy Basket deeply appreciates your very generous contribution of \$300.00 from your Mum Festival Garage Sale in support of our efforts to assist the needy families of Southern Miami County. Your support is always accepted, especially now, with need being greater than ever.

*Sincerely, Elizabeth A. Koehl, Treasurer*

Zion Family:

Those who gave to the shut-in project (my baby) the cooks, the delivering (Garry Yunker),

Debbie Turner “organizing”, Donna Slyman – God’s hands and heart, especially in the terrible weather. Seemed odd to receive but so grateful.

*Phil & Boots Elliott*

Thanks for going out of your way to brighten up the Holiday! Thank you for the fruit cheer plate. It was very nice of you to think of me.

*Ramona Watkins*

Thanks to all those who contributed to the delicious cheer basket, the fruit, the card, and especially Rev. Jeff for his visit. John and I thank you. We wish you peace and God’s blessing this Christmas and in the coming year.

*John & Barb Kruse*

My Zion people:

I know this is #2 card but I wish to thank the two Ruth’s, Ruth White & Ruth Stollmer, for delicious, so appreciated by Pete, soup, pie, lovely cookies. My appetite less but Pete also says “thank you”. We have therapist coming now.

*Boots & Phil*

*Bill & Irene Miller* would like to thank everyone involved in the cheer plates. The cheer plate was just great and a nice surprise.

Betty & I want to thank all of you that prepared and distributed the Cheer Plates. It is always very nice to be remembered.

*Russ & Betty VanHorn*

Cheer Plate Delivery Team,  
Thank you so much for the fresh fruit. I found them outside at my front door. Did not meet you personally but the fruit is very thoughtful and appreciated.

*Sincerely, Mary Rogers*

#### **KITCHEN CLEANING UPDATE. . .**

**A huge thank you** goes out to the 10 folks who did the work on Tuesday, January 10. We did it in an hour and a half! The kitchen is indeed sparkling. Stop by to see it.

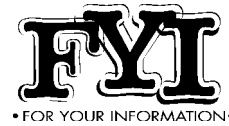
Having it clean will make working in the kitchen more pleasant as we serve Christ through serving others.

*Women of Zion*

P.S. Our job was easier as **James Sebastian** had

cleaned our big stove top ahead of time.

**Thanks James!**



**Hazel Furlong** is now recovering at home. Her address is: 3583 Cowlesville Rd.  
Tipp City, OH 45371

**John Trey** (Effective 1/18/17)  
1022 Laurel Tree Court  
Troy, OH 45373

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6400 South County Road 25A  
Tipp City, OH 45371  
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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT – January 2, 2017**

James Sebastian cleaned the gas range in the kitchen this past month. Rieck Services continues to work on the overflow heating problem. The Kitchen floor will be cleaned this month. The committee continues to research better hand soap dispensers for the restrooms.

Elevator check was completed and light bulbs were changed as needed. **The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC – January 4, 2017**

**In attendance were:** Terri Darrah, Pastor Glawe, Deb Keppel, and Lori Sebastian.

We reviewed the advent and Christmas services. Thanks to all who helped provide special music and helped with the altar (advent candles, poinsettias, Chrismons, and communion)

Attendance was equally divided between the 5PM and 7:30PM Christmas Eve services, so we will likely continue this new tradition in future years.

Lori talked about the seasonal changes for Epiphany. The offertory canticle will be "Take My Life and Let it Be" – an upbeat rendition which we sang last year; the post communion canticle will be the seasonal "Now Lord You Let Your Servant Depart in Peace." The "Lord Have Mercy" and "Glory to God" will return during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Pastor Glawe suggested we offer an 11 AM and 7 PM service again. Deb Keppel also suggested we experiment with an informal devotion / meditation time once during the Lent season, since we no longer have Wednesday evening services. The group discussed holding a service Weds. March 15th at 6 PM. A light dinner will be served and we will meet in the narthex. Pastor will lead the discussion; Bill Jones will play guitar for a few hymns we will sing. More details will be forthcoming.

Choir is going well. Terri thanked Bill Jones for leading the choir at Christmastime. Terri has pulled choir music through March, and the choir is already starting to learn it! Choir will sing Maundy Thursday (April 13th) and sing 2 anthems Easter Sunday (April 16th). The choir will continue singing most Sundays, aiming for one Sunday off each month.

Pastor Glawe talked about upcoming special events. February 5th Food for the Poor will be in to speak at both Adult Bible Class and briefly prior to worship. He also mentioned upcoming baptism(s) in February. During the spring, Pastor will work with confirmands to try a special youth led service, probably at the roundhouse. Tentative date for this is May 7th. More details to follow. Confirmation will be held Mothers' Day which is May 14th. Pastor also mentioned the church council would have its retreat from 9am-3pm on February 25th, which also doubles as the evening of the brat supper.

Lori reported chime or bell choir would depend on schedules. She has a piece (Borning Cry) that she would like to utilize. She would like to get the group together to play for a worship service in February, and if that doesn't materialize, may try again later in May.

During December, we want to thank the anonymous donor(s) who contributed to the organ fund. Present balance is just over \$14,000. Lori will contact Norm Willoughby to see about a used organ purchase, installation costs, and new speakers. The plan would be to play the instrument

and make sure it is what we want before agreeing to purchase.

**Next meeting date is February 15th at 1:15PM.**

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 10, 2017**

1. Approved December council minutes and November financials.
2. Alice Replogle representing the quilting ministry shared with council when the women come in at 10:00 in the morning the room is too cold. We agreed to turn on the portable heaters an hour earlier; she thought this would solve their concern. Council also agreed to look for a portable unit to cool down the room during the summer time. Alice thought these two suggestions would eliminate the uncomfortable climate conditions in the quilting room. Council asked her if there were any other concerns we could help with and she said no that is it. Council expressed their support of the beautiful quilting ministry and thanked Alice for her time and commitment to the quilting ministry.
3. Council is glad that we have an organ fund and that organist Lori Sebastian will begin looking for a used organ.
4. Council approved to use our Capital Improvements fund more frequently in 2017 and would notify property manager Bob Keppel to make sure expenses that qualify would be appropriated to the Capital Improvements fund.
5. Church Council will have a council retreat on Saturday February 25 at the Holiday Inn Express in Tipp City.

### **COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING – January 10, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Byrd, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy, Tom Wesbecher

PASTOR OPENED WITH PRAYER

WELCOMING:

\* Game and Pizza Night

\* Saturday February 18 after Saturday Service, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

## WEBSITE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS:

\* Notification of new times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services went well.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY:

\* Deb K. prepared a letter for every member informing of our plan to update the Photo Directory, asking for help in providing us with current information. We will attach a copy of their current page, asking for corrections or completions of current information. These letters will be placed in mailboxes or mailed by January 29th, to be returned to the church office with corrections/information by February 26th.

\* Indicate if no changes are required.

\* Indicate if new photo is desired.

\* This letter will be mailed to those of us who live in Florida during the winter.

\* Those of us who are not yet included in the current directory will receive a letter asking for information, if they wish to be included in the new release.

\* Deb K will inventory supplies needed.

\* Ina Crenshaw, Sharon Byrd, and Peggy McCoy will help Deb K. with this project.

\* Pictures will be taken before and after services during March.

\* We will print and compile the directories during April.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 5:00 PM**

## WOMEN OF ZION – January 8, 2017

Members present: 13

Devotions by: Jackie Glawe “Chilled but filled”

Treasurer’s Report: Current balance \$9,245.12  
as of 11/30/16

Correspondence & thank you’s read.

Old Business:

1. Several Christmas activities were held and were very successful: WOZ Christmas dinner, Adopt a Family, Christmas concert, & Cheer Plates. Next year we need to make sure Linda Short receives a cheer plate. Pam Sauls discovered when trying to deliver a cheer plate to Bill Posey that he is now in a hospital bed. We should send cards.

New Business:

- Kitchen clean up hours will be 10-12, Tues., 1/10.
- Soup making will take place Feb. 7 from

9:00 – 12:00

- Art for the Heart, Saturday, Feb. 11. Things will be handled differently this year to encourage more attendance. We will provide coffee, muffins, soup & sandwiches.
- Women’s Retreat will be Sat., March 11 from 9 – 3:00. Glenda Moss will be our spiritual advisor.
- A Lenten Meditation & light supper will be held on March 15.
- Altar guild – Marianne needs to quit being in charge due to health reasons. Help with changing paraments, filling the candles, etc. is needed. Contact Deb Keppel is you can take this on.
- Mission of the month schedule is set for 2017.
- Call the church office is you can help with giving people rides to appts., church etc. Susan Smith is our council liaison and will bring this up at the next council mtg.
- Ruth need 2 dozen Valentine cards by the end of Jan. to take to the VA. Jackie will have the Sunday School kids make them.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Signed, Jill Greer

**NEXT MEETING: Sunday, February 12 @ 5:00 p.m.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Jan. 18, 2017

In attendance: Melinda Schall, Jen Garvic and Jackie Glawe

We discussed that Prek - 6<sup>th</sup> grade is working out well with the Kingdom Quest curriculum.

Confirmation is still working with Pastor.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. Jackie shared that the High School class is experiencing the bible study on the movie “God’s Not Dead 2”.

Jackie shared the following Youth Group events that youth and adults were part of:

**Nov**-game night

**Dec**- Sunday school children Christmas Caroled at The Caldwell House, Project Believe Wrap Up, The King’s Birthday Christmas program during 10am worship service, musical talents were shared during Christmas Eve Service

**Jan**-Souper Bowl of Caring mission of the month, 15 youth went on their day off from school on

Martin Luther King Jr. day to the Dakota Center and helped shoes4theshoeless fit shoes for children.

**Feb** is the Winter Youth Retreat at Capital University and another opportunity for shoes4the shoes on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> there will be another Quarter Auction at the American Legion in Tipp City with the charity being the Youth Gathering. We agreed on March 17<sup>th</sup> as a "Parents Night Out" where parents can bring their children ages Prek - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (younger children will also be considered if needed contact Jackie) and the Parent(s) can have a night out while our Youth Group will provide a St. Patrick's Day party for them at the church from 5:30pm - 8:30pm snacks will be provided.

Jackie shared that Pastor will be working with the youth on the last part of April to assist them with conducting the Youth Lead Worship Service on May 7<sup>th</sup> possibly at the Round House at the Tipp City park. We discussed having a youth led praise band at this service. Jackie will find out what youth would be able to help with this.

We discussed having elementary children 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade have an opportunity to attend Lutheran Memorial Camp and will further look at the open time in Oct 2017 with a parent informational meeting in August.

Jackie has contacted Bob Evans 3 times about our Oct 2016 fundraiser and they are apparently having administrative problems. She will contact them again.

It is time to renew our background checks for all adults working with children and youth. Jackie will provide the information within the next month and Melinda will let council know in the next meeting. Jen Garvic suggested when we are collecting donations for various children and youth projects that we have the children make a poster showing their goal and keep updating where we are on the goal. We all agreed this is a great idea and will begin implementing on our next projects. She also shared that the Nursery is very cold on Sunday mornings and the heater doesn't warm up enough by the time church is over. Jackie spoke with

Pastor and he will turn the heater on when he arrives around 8:00 am on Sunday mornings and whoever is in the Nursery will be responsible to turn it off. Jackie closed the meeting in prayer. Report submitted by Jackie Glawe

## GRACE PLACE NEWS

**\*Preschool – Kindergarten** has started experiencing Jesus' ministry on earth through stories, crafts and games. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the books of the bible, daily devotions and how God wants us to stay close to him.

**\*5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** have been learning about the books of the bible and what do we use it for through various stories and activities.

**\*7<sup>th</sup> - \*8<sup>th</sup> Graders** are in Confirmation with Pastor.

**\*9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders** are just completing a study on the movie clips from "God's Not Dead 2".

*The Sunday School children have also been making Valentine's Day cards to be given to the Veterans Center.*

### **\*\*YOUTH GROUP\*\***

Youth group has been busy on various service projects the past several months recently helping Shoes4the Shoeless deliver and fit 22 children for shoes at the Dakota Center in Dayton, Ohio.

- Feb. 10-11 Winter Youth Retreat at Capital University
- Feb. 17 Shoes 4the Shoeless – another possible delivery opportunity
- Feb. 21 Quarter Auction at The American Legion in Tipp City to benefit Youth Gathering fund

**COMING IN MARCH . . .**

- March 10 Toby Mac Hits Deep Concert
- March 17 Youth Group to offer a “Parents Night Out” for parents of PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. More information to come...

***REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS 2016 . . .***

*Chime Choir performed*



***A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY***

photo taken by Gail Merlo